

MECHANICS' INSTITUTION, BURNLEY.



JUBILEE CELEBRATION,

October 12th & 13th 1905.

. . Historical Sketch. . .



The Mechanics' Institution was founded in 1834, by Thomas Booth, William Wood, and Joseph Leeming, in a house in the Meadows, as a small Library, the resolution passed at the first recorded Meeting, November 21st, 1834, is worth preserving:—

“That the object of the Institution be to facilitate and promote the diffusion of useful knowledge amongst the operative Mechanics and other inhabitants of Burnley and its neighbourhood, and in pursuance of this design a Library shall be formed consisting of useful Books on Arts and Science, Philosophy, History, Voyages, Travels, and general Literature; but no novels, plays, deistical, or atheistical works, or polemical divinity shall be admitted, it being understood notwithstanding that it is a part of our design at a future period that this Society shall become a **Mechanics' Institution** whensoever it can be accomplished according to rule.”

The following is an Extract from Mr. Thomas Booth's Diary, Nov. 22nd, 1834:

“Last night we had a Meeting in my brother William's chamber, to establish a Public Library having in prospect a Mechanics' Institution, but think best to have a small beginning. We have had one Meeting before, a week since last night, in the same place, and we may say laid the foundation. Last night the Rules were formed and agreed to. This thing has been agitated and set on foot by a few poor men in town, but it has received the approbation of several of the influential men in the town, such as Mr. Slater, Pawnbroker, and Mr. Leeming, the Ironmonger, these two were present last night, Mr. Leeming as Secretary, and Mr. Slater as a friend and adviser.”

The Institution was afterwards transferred to St. James's Street, adjoining the Swan Hotel, and then to St. James's Row, over the building until lately occupied by Mr. B. Edmondson. In 1842 it was fairly established in Chancery Street, the late Richard Charles being Librarian. Classes were formed for teaching Reading, &c. It was afterwards removed to Rooms over Liverpool House, St. James's Street.

The Foundation Stone of the present building was laid on November 25th, 1851, by Colonel Charles Towneley, and it was opened on July 21st, 1855. The New Wing was built in 1887—88, as a Jubilee Memorial, during the Mayoralty of Alderman George Keighley, J.P., and was opened by him on the 19th October, 1888.

The Institution from its earliest days has rendered in no unstinted manner valuable aid in the spread of Education in its widest sense, and has always been noted for its enthusiasm and vitality. Many of those who now occupy high and honourable positions, not only in our own town, but scattered over the world attended our Evening Classes. The Institution has been fortunate in always retaining the confidence and support of the people of Burnley. The names of a noble array of good and faithful men gone to their rest, who have given unceasing and invaluable service will always be held in grateful and sweet remembrance. Names like Thomas Booth, William Wood, Joseph Leeming, John Sutherland, Richard Charles, T. T. Wilkinson, Dr. Coultate, Colonel Charles Towneley, Sir James Kay-Shuttleworth, Bart., John Hargreaves Scott, Henry Houlding, Christopher Slater, John Williams, John Thompson, Alfred Lancaster, Henry Nutter, Job Whittam Hartley, Henry Preston, Joshua Rawlinson, Thomas Nowell, and many others will we trust never be forgotten.



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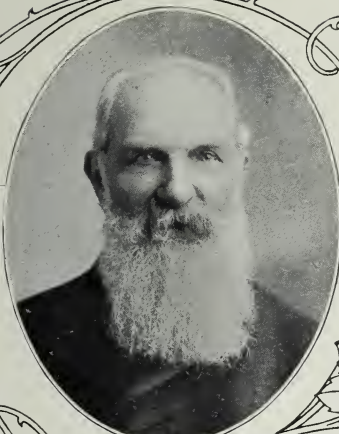
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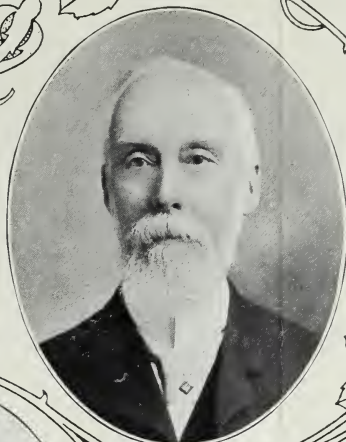
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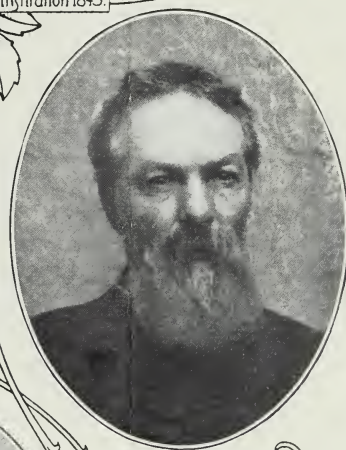
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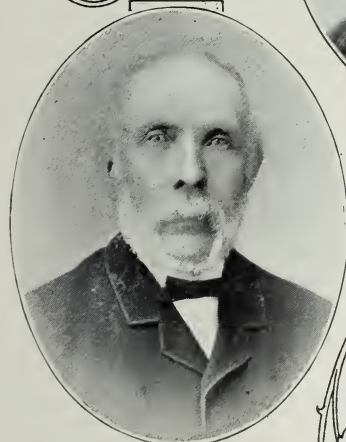
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THOMAS BOOTH,
One of three Founders, 1834



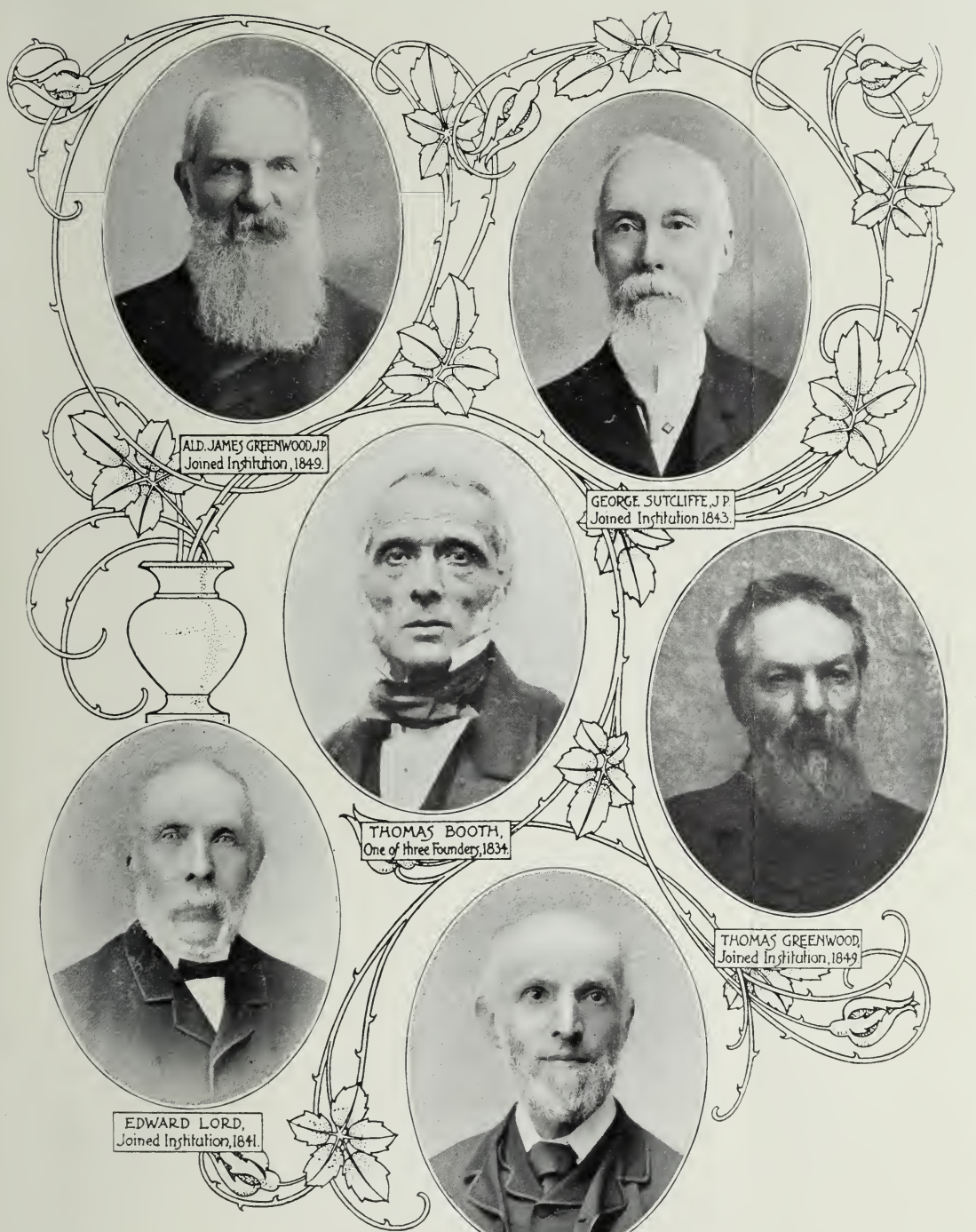
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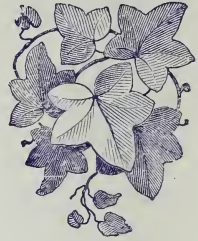


MARK KIPPAX,
Joined Institution, 1846





Thursday, October 12th, 1905,



IN THE ASSEMBLY
ROOM AT 7-0 P.M.

DINNER,

Mr. William Lancaster,

(CHAIRMAN OF THE DIRECTORS) WILL PRESIDE.

*MR. ALBERT POLLARD'S STRING BAND
and the EXCELSIOR GLEE CLUB*

. . . will give Selections of Music during the Evening.



TICKETS - - 5/- EACH

(exclusive of Wines.)

*May be obtained from the Directors, or at the
Library—must be applied for not later than
SATURDAY, OCT. 7TH.*

Entrance—Manchester Road.

Carriages at 11-0.





Friday, October 13th, 1905.



CONVERSAZIONE & DANCE.

7-30 RECEPTION AND PROMENADE.

8-0 CONCERT.

ARTISTES:

MISS C. NUTTER.

MR. W. T. WHITAKER.

and the NELSON EXCELSIOR GLEE PARTY.

PROGRAMME:

PART SONG	- - -	"On the Banks of Allan Water"	- - -	Cantor.
		GLEE PARTY.		
SONG	- - -	"When the Heart is Young"	- - -	Dudley Buck.
		MISS NUTTER.		
SONG	- - -	"Humorous"	- - -	
		MR. WHITAKER.		
QUARTETTE	- - -	"The Catastrophe" (Humorous)	- - -	Sprague.
		GLEE PARTY.		
SONG	- - -	"The Dream of Home"	- - -	Arditi.
		MISS NUTTER.		
PART SONG	- - -	"Sleep Gentle Lady"	- - -	Bishop.
		GLEE PARTY.		

8-45 DANCING. . . . **Mr. Albert Pollard's Band.**

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Christopher Slater 1877

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September 28th, 1905.



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